



ATTACHMENT A

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a carbon material having a coating layer on the surface, said carbon material being used as material of a negative electrode of lithium secondary battery, said method comprising:

dipping a core graphite material having a mean interplanar spacing (d002) of (002) plane determined by X-ray wide angle diffraction of 0.335 to 0.340 nm into a coat-forming carbon material, the coat-forming carbon material being coal heavy oil or petroleum heavy oil selected from the group consisting of tar and pitch, both having a toluene insoluble matter of 7.8-34% by weight,

separating the core graphite material from the coat-forming carbon material, and adding toluene to the separated core graphite material which is subjected to washing, drying and calcination.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein said dipping the core graphite material into the coat-forming carbon material comprises dipping the core graphite material into the coating-forming carbon material at 10-300° C.

3. (Previously presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein the separated core graphite material to which toluene is added, is washed at 10-300° C.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein the core graphite material is dipped into the coat-forming carbon material under reduced pressure.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of solid matter and organic solvent or solvents during washing is 1:0.1-10 by weight.

9. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein a covering ratio (c) defined as weight ratio of coat-forming carbon material/(core graphite material + coat-forming carbon material is $0 < c \leq 0.3$.

10. (Original) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein the coat-forming material has primary QI at least part of which is removed to reduce a primary QI content of 3% or less.

11-16. (Canceled)